SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken next Monday, 7 April. Each child has been given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. Each child must return an envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. The photographers have an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

ALL PHOTO ENVELOPES AND MONEY NEED TO BE RETURNED

LIBRARY NEWS

APRIL P & F MEETING

The April P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 8 April at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome.

KINDER COOEE VISIT

Our Kinder class will visit Cooley Lodge next Wednesday, 9 April bearing gifts. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to spread some Easter cheer.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Training for the school cross country has commenced. Cross country is for any students in Years 3-6. Nine and ten year olds run 2 kilometres while eleven and twelve years olds run 3 kilometres. The Joey’s trial will be held next Thursday, 10 April at 11:20 a.m. The Diocesan Cross Country will be held in Coolah on Monday, 5 May.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding a computer skills competition on Tuesday, 20 May for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter this competition please complete the tear-off slip attached to today’s About and return it to school together with the $8.00 entry fee. Entries must be received at school by Friday, 11 April.

PORTFOLIOS

All children will take home their Term 1 Portfolios next Friday, 11 April. We encourage all families to take the time to look at the children’s work. All portfolios need to be returned to school early next term so the Term 2 work can be placed in them.

ANZAC DAY

Our school has once again been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day March and an invitation is extended to all students from Years 2-6 to represent our school on ANZAC Day. St Joseph’s has traditionally had a fantastic representation at this march and hopefully as many students as possible will give up an hour or so of their time to represent their school on such an important occasion and show respect for those who served our country. Children need to assemble in Bridge Street at 10:30 a.m. or they could come to Mass at 9:00 a.m. after which I will walk them down to Bridge Street. The march will proceed down Bridge and Miller Streets to the War Memorial for the service at 11:00 a.m.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The first day back in Term 2, Monday, 28 April will be a pupil free day. The focus of this day will be the implementation of the new Australian English Curriculum. Stage teachers will meet together to replace old outcomes with new outcomes, adjust terminology to match the new syllabus, examine term overviews, checking all outcomes are covered, write literature units to cover context and text requirements and assess resources needed.
MRS HODGE – LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mrs Hodge is taking a week’s Long Service Leave next week. Receipts for any school fees paid next week will be issued in the first week of Term 2.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

**KINDER**

- Eva Bonnington for her great pictures in her story writing.
- Carter Chapman for always ‘Giving Of His Best’ in his work, Jessie Riley for great Maths work, Grace Jones-Copelin for trying hard to recite “Little Miss Muffet” and Rhyan Hutchinson for a super effort in writing the letter ‘d’.

**YEAR 1**

- Casey Gaff and Jett Chandler for completing great descriptions of the ‘Grunflool’, Ben Standing for learning his reading for Mass, Jett Tarrant for fabulous ‘sounding out’ when reading and Lucy McIsaac for working well in a group to measure things around the classroom.

**YEAR 2**

- Camilla Beveridge, Tom Dunn, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Zahlia Proctor and Emily Zell for writing fantastic descriptions of ‘The Pirate Cruncher’.

**YEAR 3**

- Rani Diggs and William Fuller for writing excellent expositions.
- Tayanna McKenzie for creating an amazing artwork using warm and cool colours, Ella Wykes for always ‘Giving Of Her Best’ in Year 3 and Anton Davis for carefully listening to instructions at all times.

**YEAR 4**

- Abby Tate, Amelia Murray and Hamish Beveridge for writing great descriptions about an odd egg creature, Heidi Purvis, Michael Raglus and Laura Smith for creativity and flair in Art and Oli Schier and James Ferguson for beautiful singing at Grandparents Day.

**YEAR 5**

- Ryan Carter for improved handwriting in text types, Lauchlan Bash for trying hard in Maths, Kate Gilmour for always having a positive attitude to all aspects of Year 5 and Darren Doherty for consistently taking pride in all his bookwork.

**YEAR 6**

- Liberty Barden, Jack Bonus-Straub, Isaac Frost and Caitlin Spora for writing excellent expositions on mobile phones at school.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 10**

- **Year 3 Reconciliation**
  - Friday, 4 April – Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
  - Sunday, 6 April – Years 1 and 4 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.

**WEEK 11**

- Monday, 7 April – School Photos
- Tuesday, 8 April – P & F Meeting
- Wednesday, 9 April – Phil Kettle Visit
- Thursday, 10 April – School Cross Country Trials
- Friday, 11 April – Last day Term I
- Sunday, 13 April – Palm Sunday
- Friday, 18 April – Good Friday
- Sunday, 20 April – Easter Sunday
- Friday, 25 April – ANZAC Day

**TERM 2 – WEEK 1**

- Monday, 28 April – Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday, 29 April – First day Term 2 for students
- Wednesday, 5 May – Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
- Thursday, 8 May – Polding Winter Sports Trials
- Friday, 9 May – Polding Winter Sports Trials

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**

In Kindergarten we are preparing for Easter. In Religion we have read ‘The Last Supper’ and discussed how Jesus loved His disciples and wanted to prepare them for their last meal together. We wrote a description of the Easter Bunny and completed some great Easter art and craft. We can’t wait to dress up as our favourite Phil Kettle character – what fun!!

**YEAR 1**

This week has been a revision week in Spelling for Year 1. We have looked at all the sounds we have covered this term such as ‘ei’, ‘i’, ‘st’, ‘ch’, ‘th’, ‘tch’, ‘sh’, ‘zz’ and ‘ss’. In Grammar we have continued looking at exclamation marks and how these show expression and emphasis on feelings in our writing. For text types we have looked at ‘wild things’ from a description on one of these creatures. In Maths we have been busy revising key concepts studied this term with particular focus on our addition and subtraction problem solving skills. In HSIE we have looked at schools in Thailand while in Art we have drawn and coloured our own ‘wild thing’. I look forward to seeing lots of families at Mass on Sunday.

**YEAR 2**

We have enjoyed cheering on our primary students as they competed in the finals of the Spelling Bee this week – some were sure to be tricky! We also wrote a class narrative about a little spider and retold the story of “Birds On A Wire” – a Pixar animation. In Maths we reviewed work from this term with a diagnostic test and completed work on adjectives in Grammar. We can’t wait for our class excursion to the Rural Museum tomorrow as we complete our HSIE unit, “The Way We Were”. Thank you to those parents who have offered to accompany us. It would be appreciated if you could be at school at 1:50 p.m. so we can organise groups etc. Don’t forget next Wednesday everyone has to dress up as their favourite Phil Kettle character – what fun!!

**YEAR 3**

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Spelling Bee! It was wonderful to see how committed everyone was to ‘Give Of Their Best’. This week in writing we have been examining discussions and their structure. We have also completed a comprehension activity about prehistoric butterflies which was quite interesting. In Maths we have learnt about comparing fractions and connecting addition and subtraction. In Religion we have been focusing on Lent and learning about the significance of Palm Sunday. Our PDH activity led us to examine how our attitudes towards health changes with age. Good luck to everyone who is competing at the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials on Friday! Year 3 is very excited about Phil Kettle visiting our school next week, we can’t wait to dress up as our favourite characters! Ms Sources

**YEAR 4**

Years 1 and 4 are looking forward to this Sunday’s Mass, ‘We follow Jesus’ and have been practising their hymns and readings for this Mass. I hope to see lots of friends and family at church on Sunday. Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Spelling Bee finals – a champion effort by you all. In the classroom, Year 4 looked at the Gospel account of Jesus healing a blind man problem solving and measurement using the square centimetre were the main focus in Maths. Prepositions took centre stage in Grammar and we revised ‘-tion’ and ‘-sion’ words in Spelling. Everyone is looking forward to Phil Kettle’s visit next week – so get your costumes organised and ready for this fun day! Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 5**

The end of the term is fast approaching. We have been working very hard again in Year 5 this week. During English we have been looking at writing a response to a book, movie, piece of art or a television program. We read the book “Round ‘Em Up” written by Phil Kettle. We found it a very entertaining book and then in small groups we wrote a short review on the story. This week we’ve also revised our Grammar focuses for the term so that we can complete our Grammar test next week. We have looked more closely at complex sentences and paragraphs when writing. In Maths we have focused on division strategies, mixed number problem solving and measurement using the square centimetre. We completed our HSIE unit, “The Way We Were”. Congratulations to those Spelling Bee students who made the finals on Tuesday, there were some tricky words that you spelt. Well done. During HSIE we investigated the three levels of government in Australia, calculated the year in which we will be old enough to vote and completed our portfolio task. Next week we look forward to meeting Phil Kettle and dressing up as one of the characters from his books. Have a lovely weekend.

**YEAR 6**

Our Expositions about mobile phones being allowed at school are finished, with some excellent and very convincing arguments to support the topic. We have been concentrating on using persuasive language to enhance the quality of our writing. In Maths we have been adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and revising our long division skills. We are finishing our HSIE unit on Discovering Diversity as we are off to the Republic of Botswana for our CWA Projects. We encourage everyone to work hard on these projects over the coming school holidays, as they will be due in Week 3 next term. Good luck to those students going to the Winter Sports Trials in Bathurst on Friday.

Ms Bourke & Mrs Newstead

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 4 April – Lara Zell & Amy Spora
Monday, 7 April – Katherine Green
Wednesday, 9 April – Rhyan Hutchison & Bill Welsh
Friday, 11 April – Leanne Glover & Melissa Ryan

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 6 April – Harry Spora, Caitlin Spora, Olivia Newshead, Montana McGrath